

## **June 2002 Injury Prevention Newsletter**

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**1. The Frontiersman**, a newspaper serving the Mat-Su Borough, ran an article on the Wasilla 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. Within the text of the article, mention was made of some safety considerations for parade participants. Participants are being asked not to throw candy and to either stay on their floats or stay on the ground during the parade. Last year a child was injured while chasing candy in the street and a parade participant was injured while climbing on and off a float. The article may be found in the Frontiersman archives at [www.frontiersman.com](http://www.frontiersman.com) <<http://www.frontiersman.com>>. The article title is “*Wasilla celebrates American Independence.*” It was written on June 14, 2002. The same issue has an article on sports-related injuries as well.

**2. *Fire plans, cell phones save lives***, by Barbara and Clair Ramsey, Anchorage Daily News, June 23, 2002. In the Money section of the ADN, June 23, 2002 paper the Ramseys’ wrote about precautions to take to insure the safety of one of the largest investments many citizens will make, their homes. The article directs readers to a site for home fire preparedness at [www.muni.org/fire1/homeeval.cfm](http://www.muni.org/fire1/homeeval.cfm) <<http://www.muni.org/fire1/homeeval.cfm>>. There you can find an evaluation form under Anchorage Wildfire Partnership. Other important information in the article included home fire escape planning and using a cell phone to call 911 in emergency situations. A cell phone can be used to call 911 even if it can no longer receive or transmit regular calls. Find the complete article in the ADN archives for June 23, 2002 at [www.adn.com](http://www.adn.com) <<http://www.adn.com>> under the title Home Fire Plans, Save Lives, E1, Business.

**3. *Heads-up***, the Anchorage Daily News, Alaska Digest reported about Project Homesafe coming to Alaska. Since the article was only a blurb and is not accessible on the web...here it is verbatim. “*National firearm group to distribute safety kits throughout the state. A national firearm safety education and gunlock giveaway program will begin distributing 25,000 gun safety kits Monday (June 24, 2002) throughout Alaska. Project Homesafe, a national shooting sports foundation program uses a mobile classroom truck where people can pick-up firearm safety kits, watch a video, and see how to safely store guns, according to U. S. Senator Ted Steven’s office. The project’s tour begins in Anchorage and will stop at 23 locations in Alaska.*”

**4. Juneau SAFE KIDS** is running an “I Got Caught” campaign this summer in their

community. The campaign, promoted by Juneau SAFE KIDS and in cooperation with the Juneau Police Department and some local movie theaters, is about encouraging Juneau adolescents to wear a helmet while engaging in summertime activities like bicycling, in-line skating and riding scooters. If police see an adolescent wearing a helmet appropriately, they may stop them and reward their helmet wearing by giving them a movie pass. Please contact Juneau SAFE KIDS or Karen Lawfer at the Alaska Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services, 465-8632, for more information on this program.

### **National News & Resources**

**5. Accidents in children** do not happen at random: predictable time-of-day incidence of childhood trauma. Reinberg O, Reinberg A, Tehard B, Mechkouri M. Chronobiology International 2002; 19(3):615-631. Find the abstract at [www.safetylit.com](http://www.safetylit.com) <<http://www.safetylit.com>> for the week of June 24 about a prospective study of childhood trauma. The study found a peak time of 16:00 for childhood injury and the authors believe that a circadian pattern should be taken in to account when planning preventable injury programs for children.

**6. A Resource for Youth 9-13 Years of Age** can be found at [www.bam.gov](http://www.bam.gov) <<http://www.bam.gov>>. This site is aimed at youth 9-13 and was created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to answer kids' questions about health issues. BAM (Body And Mind) has a section on safety. The goals of BAM.gov are to \*focus on health issues that youth care about, \*challenge youth to take control of their personal well-being, \*aim to help youth develop skills, \*support overall public health goals, and \*aid teachers by providing interactive activities.

### **Miscellaneous**

**7. Summer Safety Tips** by the American Academy of Pediatrics can be found at [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org) <<http://www.aap.org>> site. Topics include: Fun in the Sun, Heat Stress in Exercising Children, Pool Safety, Boat Safety, Bug Safety. Playground Safety, Bicycle Safety, Skateboard and Scooter Safety, Travel Safety, and Lawn Mower Safety.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has safety tips too and sent out a press release on June 17 about "Summer Fun Brings More Emergency Room Visits." [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) <<http://www.cpsc.gov>>

**8. Product Recalls and Safety Information:** The Brinkmann Corporation has recalled 45,000 outdoor tabletop propane heaters because they emit high levels of carbon monoxide and have been linked to one death. The model number is 883-1000-0 and has been sold at retailer including Wal-Mart. Consumers can call Brinkmann at 1-800-675-5301 Monday through Friday for a refund.

Mountain Safety Research, of Seattle, WA in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is voluntarily recalling about 9,700 cans of white gasoline stove fuel. The fuel to watch for is packaged in red metal cans with the words "MSR...White Gas" and "1 Quart/.95 Liter" printed across the front. REI and sporting goods stores carried the product.

To find out about these recalls and others please visit the CPSC web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) <<http://www.cpsc.gov>>

**HAVE A SAFE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!!!**  
**THE INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION**

## **PROGRAM**

This newsletter has been compiled by the Section of Community Health & EMS (CHEMS), Alaska Division of Public Health and sent to subscribers of the AK-Prev and AHELP list-serves. It has also been sent as a 'bcc' to others in Alaska including Public Health Centers, SAFE KIDS coalitions, Native Health organizations, and regional EMS Councils and Coordinators who may be interested and active in injury prevention and health promotion. The purpose is to share resources, breaking news, training opportunities, product recalls, and opinions to help prevent injuries to Alaskans. Feedback and contributions are encouraged. Contributions can be directed to Karen Lawfer, (907) 465-8632, [kaern\\_lawfer@health.state.ak.us](mailto:kaern_lawfer@health.state.ak.us)

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